

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kamei (U.S. Pat. No. 6,274,516). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a device comprising a base plate, a display plate disposed opposite the base plate with a liquid crystal therebetween, and a transreflective layer formed on a liquid crystal side of the base plate. Claim 1 also recites a plurality of electrodes are formed on the transreflective layer, a first lyophilic film formed of a lyophilic material is provided on the electrodes, and a first functional film is provided on the first lyophilic film. Moreover, claim 1 now calls for a color filter formed on a liquid crystal side of the display plate, a second lyophilic film formed of the lyophilic material provided on the color filter, a second functional film provided on the second lyophilic film, another plurality of electrodes formed on the second functional film, a third lyophilic film formed of the lyophilic material provided on the another plurality of electrodes, and a third functional film provided on the third lyophilic film. Lastly, claim 1 recites that each of the lyophilic films have a lyophilic property relative to a liquid forming material used for forming each of the functional films. These amendments are fully supported by the specification and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Specifically, the amendments are supported at, for example, Figure 1.

Kamei does not anticipate such a device. That is, Kamei fails to disclose a device that includes a first, second, and third lyophilic film Kamei also fails to disclose a device that includes first, second, and third functional films provided on the respective lyophilic films. Because Kamei fails to disclose these aspects of the claimed invention, claim 1 and each corresponding dependent claim are not anticipated.

With respect to claim 5, this claim has been amended to recite a method of manufacturing method of a device comprising the steps of providing a base plate, providing a display plate opposite to the base plate, forming a transreflective layer on the base plate, forming a plurality of electrodes on the transreflective layer, depositing a first lyophilic film on the electrodes, and providing a first functional film on the first lyophilic film. The method of claim 5 also recites steps of forming a color filter on the display plate, forming a second lyophilic film on the color filter, forming a second functional film on the second lyophilic film, forming another plurality of electrodes on the second functional film, forming a third lyophilic film on the another plurality of electrodes; and forming a third functional film on the third lyophilic film. Lastly, claim 5 recites that each of the lyophilic films have a lyophilic property relative to a liquid forming material used for forming the functional films. As stated above, support for these amendments is supported at, for example, Figure 1 of the present application.

Kamei also fails to disclose such a method. That is, as stated above, Kamei fails to disclose a device that includes a first, second, and third lyophilic film Kamei also fails to disclose a device that includes first, second, and third functional films provided on the respective lyophilic films. Because Kamei fails to disclose such a device, it follows that Kamei also fails to disclose a method of producing a device including these features.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 5 and each corresponding dependent claim are not anticipated by Kamei.

Claims 1, 5, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Butters (U.S. Pat. No. 4,857,386). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As stated above, claims 1 and 5 have been amended and rewritten. Butters also fails to anticipate the present invention. That is, Butters also fails to disclose a device that includes a first, second, and third lyophilic film, as well as a device that includes first, second, and third functional films provided on the respective lyophilic films. Because Butters fails to disclose these aspects of the claimed invention, claims 1, 5, and each corresponding dependent claim are not anticipated.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are respectfully requested.

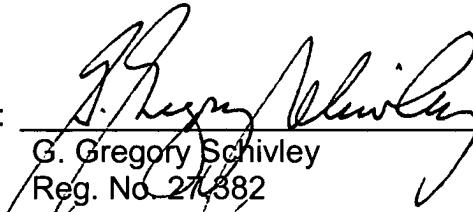
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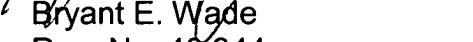
It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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